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HFD Firefighters ride from Arizona to Florida, arrive in Houston Jan. 24

HFD's Captain Robert Branch and Firefighter Jason Danvir are members of the ride from Arizona to Florida to join the Fire Department Spirit for American Fund* bike ride to raise funds for the victims of the Hurricanes Charlie, Frances, Ivan, and Jeanne caused injury, death, and massive property damage.

The goal of this Hurricane ride is to raise \$1 million. The groups is challenging every firefighter to donate one dollar to the victims as they travel through the many departments along the way.

Family, friends and members of HFD have been invited to meet the riders at Katy Mills Mall, Monday, Jan. 24, 2005 at 3 p.m. and to ride to Jillian's located at Silber and I-10. They will be escorted by area emergency departments.

The riders are expected to arrive at Jillian's at about 5:30 p.m. where a special room will be opened for friends, family and media to meet with the riders until 7 p.m. The riders will leave Houston for Beaumont, the next morning.

For more information visit: www.fdspiritforamericafund.com

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*The Houston Fire Department does not officially endorse this organization.